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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 14, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed March 11, 2005, a Request for Continued Examination is filed herein. Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the application pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on April 13, 2005, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria,

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